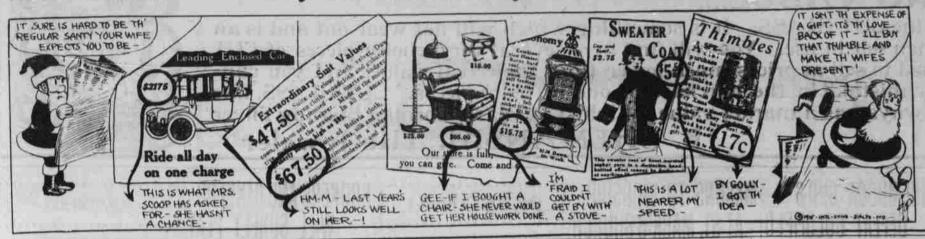
### Only Three More Days Till Christmas

By "Hop"



#### RETROSPECTION

TONOPAH'S FIRST COMMUNITY XMAS TREE, 1901

THROUGH the courtesy of a lady Tonopab, 1901, had experienced the of this city, whose splendid red letter event of their existence. "SHOULD BE EQUAL TO THE demonstrations of philanthropy and indiscriminate acts of charity are well indebted for the data dealing with the first community Xmas tree donated by the public spirited citizens of Tenopah, in 1901.

Considering that the boys and girls of Tonopah are soon to be the recipients of the season's offerings from the generous branches of a monster public Xmas tree, the second of the kind to be donated by the people as a whole, it may prove of passing inter est to recite the brief history regard ing the first community Xmas tree entertainment held in the camp.

It is oftimes pleasant to indulge in retrospection. It may perchance bring a sparkle to the eye, a glow to the cheek, and end in an avalanche of sweet and pleasing memories that time cannot efface.

It is true that at the time mentioned the camp was fighting a battle royal to perpetuate itself as a metal producing center, and only contained about 700 souls, but the spirit of the people was as staunch as rock ribbed Gibraltar. They had an abiding faith in the splendid future of Tonopah. and that concrete belief has now crys talized into a golden reality.

Hard working, industrious and am bitious as the "pathfinders" were to add to their world's store, the beau tiful spirit of the Christmas season was nevertheless as keen with them earth, good will to men" was the slo- 1901." gan flung to the skies, and it is safe to say none went hungry on the an niversary of the natal day of the "Prince of Peace" fourteen years ago in Tonopah.

In order to fittingly celebrate and season when Tonopah was in its infancy, in the year of grace 1901, the good and kind women of the camp de cided that a huge .Xmas tree, especially to be designed for the benefit day night. Admission free. of the children as a whole, was the thing, the only thing and just the thing, to gladden the hearts of the boys and girls of this particular section of the desert. No sconer was the idea conceived than it was cartiful in the matter of Matt Hallelian, ried into practical execution. Donations were immediately asked for and generously contributed. The ladies who comprised the members of the committee was are follows: Mesdames J. J. McQuillan, Harry Ramsey, John Turner, J. H. Sullivan, William Sinciair, Thomas Kendall and W. W. Booth.

The tree was brought from Belmont, and the galore of toys and other good things ordered by Mr. L. L. Blumenthal. Through the courtesy of the miners of the camp, their hall was donated, and the building then erect.

miners of the camp, their hall was donated, and the building then erected on the present site, was the scene of the festivities which occurred sometime during the evening. Standing room was at a premium, and the consensus of opinion was, that those

who made merry on Xmas day, in

All of the juvenile element of the camp participated in the interesting known, the writer of this article is program, which consisted of recita tions and singing, the only musical (By Associated Press.) instrument obtainable being an organ. boys, Eddie Wheece and Harry Mor- Dewey, If any of these young people perchance some of them may, Ymas tree exercises

Tonopah, during the fourteen years that have intervened, has developed preparedness; into a mining camp of such magnitude as to win, and justly so, the ized world. Its population has leaped most practically serviceable." into the thousands, and its ownward march of advancement and progress challenges comparison. But above all that the spirit of generosity and symthe matchless silver producing camp than 1925." proposes to duplicate on December 25. 1915, although on a much more pre tentious scale, the "Community then, as in days of yore. "Peace on Christmas Tree Eentertainment of

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-Adv. D2016

#### IN BANKRUPPCY, NO. 232.

# GENERAL BOARD REPORT

MOST POWERFUL OF ANY OTHER NATION"

should read this brief article, they made public tonight, discloses that will doubtless indulge the hope that this naval policy was formulated by they would also like to participate, the body in July last in answer to the following proposition propounded in some maner, in the forthcoming by Secretary Daniels when the administration reached its decision to enter upon a campaign of national

future in order to stand upon an admiration and wonder of the civil- equality with the most efficient and

The board's conclusions follow: "The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most and beyond all, it is gratifying to note. powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradupathy is just as strong and virile to ally increased to this point but such day, as when Tonopah was first placed a rate of development year by year, upon the map. And that is the read as may be permitted by the facilities son, and the only reason, why the of the country, but the limit above kindly disposed men and women of defined should be attained not later

sented a building program for 1917 in compliance with the secretary's request for "a program formulated in the most definite terms, planned for a consistent and progressive developthe nation."

Details of the board's reply are not revealed, as subsequently in October of this year, the secretary asked the the position. board to prepare "a building program for the navy that will continue over a period of five years with an expenditure of about \$100,000,000 each year for five years on new construction only." The administration plans for the construction of sixteen capital ships within five years is founded on the board's answer.

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